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## NOTHING BUT POLITICS.

Walter F. Matthews has been removed from his office as United States marshal. No charges were filed against him. It was not contended that he had been guilty of any official misconduct or neglect of duty. Why, then, was he without notice or opportunity to be heard, summarily removed? As time goes on the people of Oregon will ask this question more and more frequently. Indeed, the people are already slowly awakening to a realization of the fact that possibly a conspiracy more infamous than any charged in the land fraud cases is in existence. That the purpose of the conspirators is to disrupt the dominant wing of the republican party by destroying its leaders, and that every effort fair or foul will be put forth to accomplish the desired result. If Mr. Matthews has been derelict to no official duty, why, in order to properly prosecute Senator Mitchell, and Messrs. Hermann and Williams, was it necessary to dismiss him?

The first step taken by Mr. Heney in the prosecution of these cases was to secure the dismissal of John H. Hall, United States district attorney for Oregon. Next came off the marshal's head. The public is asking why? Mr. Heney was then appointed United States district attorney for Oregon. He was appointed by the late Judge Bellinger, not by President Roosevelt, as people generally believe, for temporary vacancies in the office of district attorney are filled by the court. Heney's appointment was made in direct violation of the United States statute, which provides that such official shall be a resident of the district.

Much has been said since Judge Bellinger's death of his judicial fairness. It is usual to eulogize the dead, but we shall speak plainly. It is well known that while Judge Bellinger was honest of purpose, his mind was that of the advocate rather than the judge. He was an intense partisan and seldom was a case tried before him when he did not openly espouse the cause of one side or the other before the trial closed. In the cases in question he very early sided with the prosecution. But the question is, why is it necessary to resort to these unseemly practices and extraordinary proceedings in order to prosecute these cases according to the law? Or is the purpose to convict regardless of the law? Must there be a marshal who is willing to select jurors who will convict regardless of the evidence? It is now said to be a fact that the names of the jurors on the regular jury list have been delivered to secret service agents who are traveling over the state making careful inquiries concerning them. Has any such list been furnished the defendants? What would be thought of them were they engaged in that character of work? Why these strange unusual and indefensible proceedings on the part of the prosecution? It must be remembered that the President does not, cannot know that he and his power as chief magistrate of the nation are being used to forward the scheme of the conspirators. Mr. Heney has fallen completely under the control of Scott, McGinn & Co., who are animated by two principal motives, first, hatred of Mitchell, Williamson and Hermann, and second, to destroy the present republican organization and erect one of their own that will be devoted to the candidacy of H. W. Scott for the United States senate.

If the indicted parties are guilty they should be convicted and punished. To that we all agree. But should they not be tried as other defendants are tried? Is it necessary to reorganize the entire machinery of the court in order to try them? Why, we ask again, these most unusual, extraordinary proceedings, if simple justice, not injustice is desired. It is a most strange and unprecedented proceeding in American jurisprudence. It reminds one of the "bloody circuit." No citizen of Oregon permitted to participate in the conduct of the prosecution. Marshalls and district attorneys removed without cause, accusation or hearing and jury lists confided to the prosecution long prior to the trial. The public is awakening to the fact that the judicial machinery of the state is being employed in a most strange and unusual manner and it asks, "Why?"

## YELLOW PERIL.

According to the dispatches published in The Astorian agent the Chicago strike, all the riots and disturbances, all the killing of innocent men, is directly attributable to two causes—the newsboys and the yellow journals. In order to increase circulation among the disreputable element the Chicago yellow journals pander to the lowest dregs of humanity. The newsboys are permitted to read these papers and they become imbued with the sentiments therein contained and their influence and sentiment is in favor of mob law and violence, all of which is charged up to the labor unions.

There are newspapers published in the eastern states and cities, most of which are known as the "Hearst organs," that are unfit to be read in any respectable family and whose influence is contaminating the youth of the land and making criminals out of our boys. Such pernicious literature ought to be denied admission to the mails. Mammoth Sunday editions are published, which, although they contain many good articles on important topics, most of the pages are teeming with scandal and filth which do more to create immorality and vice than all the magazines of the United States can overcome. Newspapers that pander to this element are not deserving of support and the sooner they are eliminated from the households of America, the better will it be for the rising generation.

If the people of this land would give their preference to newspaper conducted on a higher moral plane, imbued with the idea of benefiting humanity and purifying society, there will be no necessity of increasing the number of judges and courts; no necessity for establishing courts for youthful criminals. Yellow journals are a menace to civilization, a disgrace to what ought to be the most honorable and elevating profession in the world.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

**Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.**  
 People of Astoria do not take kindly to Astoria day at the Lewis and Clark fair. Of course, everybody is welcome who has the price.

There is a good field for missionary work among the newsboys of Chicago. It will require one thousand missionaries to one yellow journal.

King Edward has appointed King Alfonso a general in the English army and King Alfonso has appointed

ed King Edward an admiral in the Spanish navy. Since the late unpleasantness with the United States the English army is somewhat larger than the Spanish navy.

Capt. Hobson is about to realize that sinking coal in a furnace by the hodfull and confining his oculatory exercises to one fair woman requires a much higher order of heroism than scuttling a coal vessel and smacking kissable lips in miscellaneous fashion.

The Moros of the island of Jolo are among those numerous wards of the nation which need a little less benevolence and a little more assimilation.

Unless rules of the Chicago college commencement creations settle the railway rate question, the United States senate simply will have to act.

At the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society in Mobile the other day, one sister said: "We should make increasing efforts to Christianize the heathen of America." They should have sent for Deacon Rockefeller to head the movement in Kansas.

A Portland man has invented a process to raise dough without yeast. Any cheap appliance for "raising the dough" should meet with a ready sale anywhere. Possibly stock could be sold in Astoria.

Those who were not roped in by buying stock in the trout farm will now have another opportunity to subscribe. You don't need flies to catch stock in a trout farm.

"Horse Heaven," in Washington, wants its name changed. The name is not pretty, but it is suggestive of natural resources and judging from what Rev. Chapman said about Tacoma being the gate to hell, a mythical horse heaven is about as near as the Washington people will get to real thing.

After all, what Rojstevsky really wants is a new ocean.

It is thought by a little more exertion and telegraphic personal opinions, the war correspondent may yet succeed in getting up a real live naval battle between Russia and Japan.



## Spring Clearance Sale of Shirt Waist Suits.

**SHIRT WAIST SUITS** made of a good quality changeable silk. Several colors to choose from. Regular, \$12.

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We are pressed for room. The season is still before us. But we will give you an opportunity, Spring and summer shapes of street hats, at 50 per cent reduction. Shapes worth 62½ cents to \$1.25 will be sold for half price. No need to wait until July.

For this week we continue the 10 per cent reduction on Ladies' Underwear. Only a few values are mentioned below. Step in and see the others. A grand May opportunity.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

Dell Springer of Grand Rapids is in the city.

A. G. Mills of Portland is registered at the Parker.

William Parsons of Stella was in the city yesterday.

R. W. Thorp of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

Frank Cook is up at his seining grounds this week.

Francis A. Lord of Portland is registered at the Parker.

G. O. Oberg of Tucson registered at the Parker yesterday.

Mrs. Kulski of Ilwaco visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

J. A. Rumph of Portland visited in Astoria yesterday.

H. T. Rydell of Rochester is registered at the Occident.

Henry Mathews of Portland is registered at the Central.

Fred Oman was up from Warrenton yesterday on business.

T. A. Littov of Seattle registered at the Occident yesterday.

F. S. Hatch of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

Vic Bergman of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.

J. T. Child of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

George Carr of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Taylor of Warrenton visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

G. W. Adams of Skamokawa visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Al Schroder of Rose, Higgins & Co. returned from Portland yesterday.

W. O. Forsyth of Chicago was registered at the Occident yesterday.

F. P. Lienewebber returned from Portland on the noon train yesterday.

F. A. Fisher and wife came up from Seaside last evening and will return today.

J. V. Burns went to Clatskanie yesterday on business and returned last evening.

Andrew B. Dalgity returned yesterday from attending the Foresters at Portland.

State Senator Geo. C. Brownell of Oregon City visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Mrs. R. P. Habersham has returned from an extended visit with friends in California.

S. Wylie of Nasel was in the city yesterday on business. He will return home today.

Manager Gervutz of the Star theater leaves this morning for Portland on a business trip.

Capt. Chas. Richardson and family, Miss Pearl Cole and Mr. Onslow returned yesterday from an enjoyable trip to Seaside.

Chas. E. DuBois, a prominent citizen of Seaside, was in the city yesterday and attended the entertainment of the Eastern Star.

Miss C. N. Van Valkenburgh of New York, who has been spending the winter in California, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the summer with Miss Emma Warren. They are old schoolmates.

R. M. Gaston carries a full line of farm implements, also wagons, bugles and farming tools of all kinds, 105 Fourteenth street.

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Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, ..... \$3.50 and \$3.00  
 Women's Button Oxfords, made with welt, ..... \$3.50  
 Women's Tan Oxfords, blucher cut ..... \$2.50  
 Oxfords for Children and Young Ladies, the famous Steel Shoe line ..... \$1.75 to \$2.25  
 Girls and Children's Tan Oxfords in calf and kid, ..... \$1.50 and \$2.00  
 Barefoot Sandals cut in new patterns, that will not cause sore toes, Children's, 90c, Misses, \$1; Women's \$1.35.

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